

Mr. RANGEL. I yield to the gentleman from Indiana.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. I think they are here. Would you like for us to go get them for you?

Mr. RANGEL. I do not know whether I saw the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. WATTS) here. Did you see him here today? Because he did not vote.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. His father just died. That may not count. I do not know.

Mr. RANGEL. Is my colleague, the gentleman from New York (Mr. LAZIO), here?

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Is he in leadership?

Mr. RANGEL. I thought he was part of the whip organization.

#### EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK

(Mr. FOLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, earlier it was described that there is just one little water bill to pass in the Congress, so why waste our time. That was stated by the minority appropriations senior member. The little water project described is the Everglades funding, a national park that we all have responsibility for.

So I would suggest as Congress convenes tomorrow at 9 o'clock, we have a chance, a majority Congress by Republicans, to pass one of the most comprehensive environmental bills in probably my lifetime and my term in Congress. So I think coming back tomorrow is indeed appropriate. I hope some of the other Members show up for the vote because the most important vote they will get to cast this year involves a national park, not a Florida park, Everglades National Park.

I commend this Congress, our leaders, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. SHAW), and others who have brought this bill to the floor, Senator SMITH from the Senate who has ushered that bill to our Chamber. And I am delighted and will be proud as a Floridian to cast that important vote tomorrow at 9 o'clock.

I urge my colleagues to return from campaigns and vote with us on the Everglades.

#### A DO-NOTHING CONGRESS

(Mr. GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am glad we are going to vote on the WRDA bill tomorrow. Why did we not vote on it in September or July or June? This Congress has been a do-nothing Congress. I am amazed. I have the Governor of my State going around the country saying he is going to bring Democrats and Republicans together, he is going to bring us together. I just wish he would bring the Senate Repub-

licans and the House Republicans together, because here we had an agreement to leave. I do not like to have lame-duck sessions. I want people who are elected and have to answer to the voters here. But now we are here to cast one vote, and tomorrow maybe one or two votes.

I wish Governor Bush would get the Senate Republicans and the House Republicans together before they want to talk to us Democrats, and maybe we can get something done for the American people.

#### FAMILY OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2000

(Mr. SESSIONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, tonight I would like to give thanks to my colleagues for the continued work that we are having and making on the Family Opportunity Act of 2000, H.R. 4825. This Family Opportunity Act is important for families. It allows families to stay together when they may have a child that is born with a severe medical problem.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 4825 also helps parents who have the opportunity to work without fearing the loss of Medicaid services for their disabled child instead of refusing jobs, pay raises and overtime.

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Mr. Speaker, H.R. 4825 is bipartisan; it is bicameral, 139 House cosponsors and 77 Senate sponsors.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 4825 is a bill we are still working on. We will not give up on it until we leave, and I want those people who are working on this to know that I support their efforts and appreciate them very much.

#### LET US NOT PRETEND

(Mr. DEFAZIO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, here we are 2 nights after Halloween, more than a month after the budget is due, engaged in some sort of bizarre charade. Let us not pretend to be working on the budget agreement. Just do not pretend anymore. Agreement was reached, last weekend, and the Senate Republicans stood behind their negotiators. The Senate Democrats stood behind their negotiators. The House Democrats stood behind their negotiators. The President stood behind his negotiators. But the Republican leaders, at the last second, pulled the plug after the phones rang off the hook from the National Association of Manufacturers and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, who objected to any possibility that at some future date even a President Bush, if he gets elected, might not have the guts to kill workplace health and safety reforms.

That is what is going on here, plain and simple. Let us not pretend. Do not

pretend. The American people do not like lies.

#### WHERE IS OUR PRESIDENT?

(Mrs. KELLY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, where is our President? While we are here working conducting necessary business, I understand our President is out campaigning. He is not in the Middle East solving problems. He is not working on North Korean peace, but he is out campaigning. Mr. President, the town of New Castle, the Village of Chappaqua, needs you here to work with us to help them. Because you chose to veto the Treasury Postal bill, the supervisor of the town I represent, the town where Chappaqua is, has indicated she may have to raise taxes, your taxes in Chappaqua, Mr. President, by 3.5 percent to cover the cost of the extra police protection for you.

The citizens of Chappaqua ought not to have to carry this burden because you chose to veto a bill. This burden, Mr. President, is just one example of where you have put politics over people. Mr. President, please stop campaigning. Come back to Washington and do your job.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY). The Chair reminds all Members to address their remarks to the Chair only, not to the President or others.

#### LAME DUCK

(Mr. SHERMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, shame on us for pursuing this bizarre charade of a session. The House is gone. We all know we are coming back for a lame duck session, and to criticize those like the gentleman from New York (Mr. LAZIO) who cannot be here, how dare you attack our friend from New York in that way. We instead should adjourn this House; and we should instead reconvene the week after the election, and hopefully then we will get a prescription drug benefit in Medicare; hopefully then we will raise the minimum wage; and hopefully then the Republican leadership will stand behind its negotiators so we can actually get something done in this House.

#### WE SHOULD BE PROUD OF WHAT THE CONGRESS HAS DONE

(Mr. ROYCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, this Congress has accomplished much, and I